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WALHALLA, S. C.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 1921.

### NO FUNDS FOR SUPERVISOR.

Oconee county is directly in the middle of a bad fix!

The one redeeming feature of the situation is that we have a Supervisor who gives promise of being the best Supervisor in the State—if we can get some money into his hands with which to do something for us.

We have given Mr. Shockley a man's size job, and as soon as he was ready and willing to go to work actively and in earnest, the strings to the money bags were given a mighty jerk, and they were closed—but not until they had been emptied into other channels.

Not many people understand the situation as it is. Recently arrangements were made, through the Citizens' Bank of Seneca, we believe, whereby the sum of \$85,000 was borrowed for the use of the County Supervisor. But there were debts to pay, and they had to be paid before any road work could be done, and this could only be done so far as the balance left from paying debts would permit. And there was no balance to speak of. Here is the situation in approximately correct figures, as given offhand by Mr. Shockley in explaining why he has notified all overseers and others connected with road working operations, to quit doing any work:

Borrowed .....\$85,000.00  
Discounted at 7% ..... 6,647.50

Loan netted .....\$68,352.50

And here are the items that have been paid through the Supervisor's office:

Sinking Fund Commission debt .....\$52,000.00  
Other back indebtedness 5,000.00  
Road work done ..... 15,000.00  
Road machinery purchased and old machinery repaired ..... 10,000.00

Total expenditures .....\$82,000.00

At a glance it will be seen that Supervisor Shockley begins office "in the hole"—and in bad. We have given him a great big job, tied his hands hard and fast and told him to "go to it." And most of us expect him to "go to it" and bring us good roads and build new bridges, and do a thousand and one things that we want done, and that ought to be done, and done now.

Few of us know the conditions as they are. We freely confess that we knew nothing of this condition until it was brought to our attention after we had seen Mr. Shockley's notice to his men to stop work because there is no money on hand with which to pay for road work, no matter how badly it may be needed.

We had heard a lot about "Mr. Shockley going into office with a 'clean sheet.' " "Clean sheet." It would seem, was right—so far as funds and prospective funds are concerned. One side of the sheet is clean all right, but what about the other? The debtor side seems to have had some "bad marks" on it, and Mr. Shockley, as Supervisor, has had to "dig up" the money to "clean the other side of the sheet." And in so doing he has had to "clean up the funds" as well. There is nothing left to meet current expenses, much less to do adequate building and repairing work on the roads and bridges. And so Mr. Shockley has had to call a halt, to stop work, to do nothing—because he has nothing to do with. He has only his "clean sheet," and he finds it small comfort, for he is chafing under the restraint anxious to go ahead with the good work he has begun. He has done enough work before realizing the full import of the term "clean sheet" to justify the assertion that we believe, with reasonable funds at his disposal, J. C. Shockley would work a veritable transformation of our road system and our road conditions in a comparatively short time.

To-day the Supervisor is confronted with the necessity of attempting

to do road work over the county by means of the county chain-gang and a road equipment that has been put into absolutely first class condition, but which is practically useless in the hands of the few convicts.

It does seem that we ought to be able to devise some means of getting something done on our roads this year. There are few who will go so far as to assert that they do not need it. We believe that Mr. Shockley will welcome any suggestion that will in the least tend to relieve the situation. We know he will, because he is disappointed that he cannot make an effort to do that which he assured the voters of the county that he would do if given an opportunity. We may think that electing a man to the office of Supervisor is giving him an opportunity to make good, but it is not. We have got to do something more than that—and the something more that has to be done is to give him something to work with—money to pay the bills with.

And this reminds us of the unsavory condition of things that exists with regard to the county highway project to the North Carolina State line above Russell's. If we are not badly mistaken the County Highway Commission is doing a very foolish thing in abandoning the fourteen-mile section between Walhalla and Russell's that would connect our county with the State and National highway project further on. We are to have a great highway from the Anderson county line through Seneca and on to Walhalla. Fourteen or fifteen miles further on we have another good road—the other end of this highway to the great hill country. But the 14-mile gap between? What about that? The County Highway Commission has, we are told, set the matter aside temporarily, indefinitely. And thereby we have the prospect of a good highway into the Land of the Sky being practically annulled, because of a fourteen-mile gap of bad, or at the very best, indifferent road. To permit such a condition to exist for long would be a shame, and we cannot but believe that our Commissioners will see it in this light before it is too late.

We are told that the reason this section has been abandoned is that the estimates of the engineers as to its cost shows the work to be out of the question. Maybe so. But many a project has been abandoned because it was at first considered "too costly," only to find that the abandonment was infinitely more costly in the long run.

May we not by hearty co-operation of the Highway Commission with the Supervisor bring about a compromise measure whereby this road that should be built can be built, and at an early date? The Supervisor has on hand his road-working equipment, but no funds with which to make this equipment effective. The Highway Commission has at its command funds that ought to be spent, but which the Commissioners are holding back because the work for which it was, in part at least, intended, seems too expensive.

Here, gentlemen of the Highway Commission, is a way out of a bad plight, we believe. Our County Supervisor is practically out of a job. He wants to work. Jim Shockley is going to do something or he is going to explode. It's his nature, and we may thank our stars that it is. Let's give him a job that some of us may think is too big for him. Let's get together and the County Highway Commission put the County Supervisor to work on this "missing link" that would connect the low-country with the hill country. Mr. Shockley will do this work as well as any other man in the country—and he will not be a contractor on the job who has to legitimately make his profits. He will be one of the county's servants working for a body of the county's servants, at a stipulated salary. He will be entitled to draw that salary just as much when we have tied his hands and made it impossible for him to earn his salary as he would be while engaged in the great work of completing the "missing link" on the over-the-mountains road.

Gentlemen, let us not be penny wise and pound foolish. Nor yet let us even "wrap our talent up in a napkin" that it may be returned to the master in full. Let's get some interest on this money and on this work.

Let's do something.

### TO SAVE A CHILD'S LIFE.

We have received two contributions for the "Save a Child Fund," and acknowledge same herewith, the total fund showing as follows:

Previously acknowledged, \$327.22
School Children of Bounty Land 1.00
W. N. Bruce, Westminster, 3.00
R. F. D. No. 2, 3.00
Total to date .....\$331.22

The need for continuation of contributions to this fund is still great. We will be glad to acknowledge all contributions forwarded to us.

Baboons feed exclusively on fruits and seeds and small vegetables.

## Buggies and Buggy Harness At Cost.

Beginning Friday morning, April 8th, I will offer my complete stock of Buggies and Buggy Harness below any price they have sold for several years. This stock consists of twenty-one Buggies and about 30 sets of Harness. Will continue to sell at these prices as long as my present stock lasts:

5 Delker Bros. Buggies, in Rubber Tires, at .....	\$ 85.00 Each.
3 Summers Buggies, in Rubber Tires, at .....	\$ 98.00 Each.
2 Norman Buggies, in Rubber Tires, at .....	\$105.00 Each.
1 Moyer Buggy, in Rubber Tires, at .....	\$148.00
1 Smith Buggy, in Rubber Tires, at .....	\$ 98.00
2 George Delker Buggies, in Rubber Tires, at .....	\$105.00 Each.
4 Taylor & Cannady Buggies, in Rubber Tires, at .....	\$100.00 Each.
2 George Delker Buggies, in Rubber Tires, at .....	\$148.00 Each.
1 George Delker Buggy, in Steel Tires, at .....	\$ 95.00
1 lot of \$40.00 Harness, at .....	\$20.00 per Set.
1 lot of \$35.00 Harness, at .....	\$18.00 per Set.
2 sets of \$65.00 Double Harness, at .....	\$35.00 per Set.

These prices are for Cash, Liberty Bonds, Bankable Notes and Securities.

These prices are made and offered to the public in order that those in need of them can profit by my losses and to correspond in the price value of cotton prices.

**R. K. Nimmons,**  
SENECA, S. C.

### Bounty Land Local News Notes.

Bounty Land, April 4.—Special: Misses Stella and Olivia Barron, of Seneca, were recent guests of Miss Zola Hubbard.

Swift Marett, of near Highlands, N. C., spent the week-end at his home here.

The many friends of Mrs. W. R. Lynch will be grieved to learn that she has been quite ill for several days, and will join us in the hope that she may soon be restored to her usual health.

Burns Gillison, of Clemson, and C. S. Stribling, of Seneca, were in the community Sunday.

John and Homer Royster, of Townville, and Mr. Holden and Raymond Cox, of Anderson, and Rev. W. M. Thompson were guests last week in the home of J. W. Sheriff.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Ellison and son Robert, of Greenville, and Mr. and Mrs. Byrd Wyley, of Richland, were week-end guests in the home of M. E. Marett.

Wayne Wyley visited in Greenville Monday of last week.

Misses Eula Rankin and Emma Wilson visited in the Clearmont section the week-end.

Mrs. Sara Galloway, who has been spending several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. M. E. Marett, left a few days ago for Greenville, where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. B. B. Ellison.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Simmons, of Pickens, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Youngblood.

Davis Sanders is receiving hearty congratulations on having won second place in the county oratorical contest held in Walhalla Friday evening. Davis is a fine boy—one of which Bounty Land should feel justly proud—and we bespeak for him a bright future.

Frank Marett went to Elberton, Ga., last week.

County Superintendent of Education L. C. Speares will give a talk this afternoon at the school house at 3:30 o'clock in the interest of the election which is to be held on the 9th to vote on raising an extra four mill tax for the running expenses of the school.

Mrs. Herbert Lattimore and baby Evaline have been quite indisposed for several days, but are reported improving.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Shanklin and family, of Anderson, were in the community Sunday.

### Plunged 40 Feet to River and Lives.

New York, April 2.—Geo. Sader, a salesman, lost control of his automobile, crashed through a railing of the Madison avenue bridge and plunged 40 feet to the east bank of the Harlem river late last night and was alive to-day. He was taken to a hospital suffering from a broken collar bone and fractured ribs.

British government securities are held by 18,000,000 persons.

Humped cattle are found in immense herds in Madagascar and form a large part of the wealth of the inhabitants.

### NOTICE OF ELECTION.

State of South Carolina,  
County of Oconee.  
To the Qualified Electors and Residential Freeholders of Legal Voting Age in Bounty Land School District, No. 20:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: That an Election will be held at Bounty Land School House on SATURDAY, the 23d day of APRIL, 1921, between the hours of 7 A. M. and 4 P. M., for the purpose of voting upon the question of levying a Special Tax of Four Mills on all taxable property of said District, to be used for school purposes in said District, in accordance with Section 1742, Civil Code of South Carolina, 1912.

Respectfully,  
L. C. SPEARES,  
Supt. of Education.  
L. M. SMITH,  
M. C. McDONALD,  
E. L. STONE,  
Trustees.

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### NOTICE OF ELECTION.

The State of South Carolina,  
County of Oconee.  
To the Qualified Electors and Residential Freeholders of Legal Voting Age in Picket Post School District, No. 47:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: That an Election will be held at Picket Post School House on WEDNESDAY, the 20th day of APRIL, 1921, for the purpose of voting upon the question of levying a Special Tax of Two Mills on all taxable property of said District, to be used for school purposes in said District, in accordance with Section 1742, Civil Code of South Carolina, 1912.

Respectfully,  
L. C. SPEARES,  
Supt. of Education.  
J. A. LAY,  
J. C. RANKIN,  
H. M. HARKINS,  
Trustees.

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### NOTICE OF ELECTION.

State of South Carolina,  
County of Oconee.  
To the Qualified Electors and Residential Freeholders of Legal Voting Age in Oconee Creek School District, No. 50:

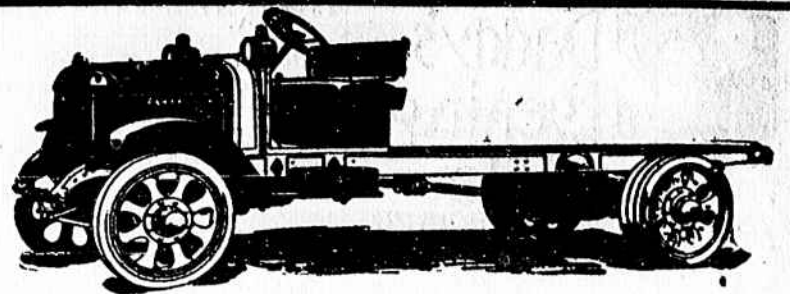
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: That an Election will be held at Oconee Creek School House on WEDNESDAY, the 20th day of APRIL, 1921, between the hours of 7 A. M. and 4 P. M., for the purpose of voting upon the question of levying a Special Tax of Four Mills on all taxable property of said District, to be used for building purposes in said District, in accordance with Section 1742, Civil Code of South Carolina, 1912.

Respectfully,  
L. C. SPEARES,  
Supt. of Education.  
J. H. HUNNICUTT,  
J. L. HALL,  
E. J. ROGERS,  
Trustees.

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### A Pleasant April 1 Joke.

What proved to be a very pleasant April joke happened at the Baptist parsonage last Friday night, April 1st, when the Baracca and Philathia classes of New Hope church assembled for a singing at the parsonage. After some excellent singing Miss Wannie Morgan, teacher of the Baracca class, invited us into the dining room, and to our surprise each member of these classes had passed



## We Have Only a Few of These Bargains Left.

Have sold several Machines since inserting ad, two weeks ago. Come to see us at once if you need a Good Second-Hand Machine or new one.

### On Hand To-day

One New One-Ton Republic Truck, with Cord Tires.

One New Dort Automobile.

One Second-Hand Dort.

One Second-Hand 1920 Chalmers.

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Seneca, S. C.

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**J. C. RAMPLEY,**  
West Union, S. C.

## Buy What You Need.

The Government has said, (and we know) that buying what we need NOW will start the wheels to rolling again, and normal conditions will soon follow.

Yes, it's really your duty as an American to

## BUY WHAT YOU NEED NOW.

because now is the time to buy many things we have to sell.

Now is the time for Spring Planting—Farm Crops, Home Gardens.

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Westminster, Walhalla,  
South Carolina.

through there and left a package of most everything eatable, with cooking utensils, dishes, towels and many other useful gifts.

We feel proud of our young boys and girls and see a bright future for them. May the God of Heaven recompense these young people in our prayer. M. J. Stansell, Pastor. West Union, S. C., April 4.

The sea bottom is more uniform than the surface of the land.

About 2,000 natives of Burmah are flogged every year by officials as legal punishment.

### White Youth Shot Near McCormick.

Greenwood, April 2.—Officers and citizens of McCormick county have been searching for George Harrison, a young negro who wanted in connection with the shooting and serious wounding of George Carroll, a white youth, at a saw mill near McCormick yesterday. No motive for the shooting has been learned.

The order of the Eastern Star originated in New York in 1868.

The earliest historical mention of Jerusalem is in the Tell el-Amarna tablets, which date about 1300 B. C. It was then subject to Egypt.